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POWDER RIVER BASIN SITE VISIT

June 13, 2006

On May 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2006, Board staff members conducted an informational site visit to Powder River Basin rail and mining facilities in Wyoming and Nebraska to examine and explore the engineering and operational considerations associated with transporting the unit-train coal traffic that originates in that area. The Board staff was accompanied by participants from the Western Coal Traffic League, Arch Coal, Inc., BNSF Railway Company, and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

All written materials received by the Board on that site visit have been placed in the above-captioned docket and have been posted on the Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov for public inspection and review. The railroads also filed several video files in this docket that have been posted on the Board's website. The written materials are also available at the Board's Offices in the public docket room (Room 755). Any person who wishes to submit comments on the materials may do so by July 13, 2006.

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